



# THE ROBINS REV-UP

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## Cheney to visit Robins today

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Vice President Dick Cheney will visit Robins today to recognize the base's vital role in the Global War on Terrorism.

Base leadership is encouraging everyone with base identification to participate in a rally where Vice President Cheney

will address troops and civilians in Hangar 82 at 2:30 p.m., on the flight line.

"This is a great opportunity for all the great men and women at Robins Air Force Base to hear how our country's senior leadership values the contributions being made here each and every day," said Col. Greg Patterson, installation commander. "They

do know who we are and what we do. They're proud of our work, and Vice President Cheney is going to tell us so. We should all be there to hear it and cheer him on."

During the rally, Vice President Cheney will also re-enlist a select group of seven noncommissioned officers and recognize the hard work and

dedication that went into the Center's win in the Shingo Prize competition.

"It is a real honor to have the vice president come to Robins to rec-



Vice President Dick Cheney

ognize the base's wartime efforts," Maj. Gen. Mike Collings, Center commander said. "Our country's leaders have noticed our 'People First ... Mission Always' culture here, and this rally will give us a chance to hear how much our nation appreciates what we are doing as part of the Air Force team."

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### THE MACH READ

#### Force Shaping briefings scheduled

An Air Force Materiel Command team is coming to Robins Nov. 3 to provide "Spread the Word" briefings to all Line of the Air Force (LAF) lieutenants commissioned in 2002 and 2003 regarding the 2006 Force Shaping Board.

Attendance at one of the briefings times listed below is mandatory for all LAF lieutenants in 2002 and 2003 year groups. Briefings will be held in the Base Theater at the following times:

- 7:30 – 9:30 a.m.
- 10 a.m. – noon
- 1 – 3 p.m.

Briefings are for all Team Robins lieutenants. Spouses, supervisors and commanders are highly encouraged to attend as well.

An executive in-brief will be provided to all wing and group commanders/vice commanders, directors and all other colonels (O-6) and GS-15s that rate lieutenants affected by the Force Shaping Board. The executive in-brief will be at the Robins Conference Center Nov. 3 from 3:30 – 4:30 p.m..

For more information, contact Military Personnel Flight Commander Capt. Renee Daughtry at 327-7336, or Lt. Renee Washington at 327-7333.

#### Return to Eastern Standard Time

The return to Eastern Standard Time from daylight-saving time (DST) will occur Oct. 30 at 2 a.m. Clocks will be set back one hour.

Employees on a shift when time falls back to standard time will be credited with the actual number of hours worked. Any time worked in excess of eight hours shall be paid at the appropriate overtime rate or compensatory time earned. (Note: The Aug. 8 Energy Policy Act of 2005 ending DST on the first Sunday of November is not yet effective).

Questions should be referred to a servicing employee relations specialist in the Civilian Personnel Flight at 926-5802 or 926-0677.

#### Enlisted Promotion Ceremony scheduled

Col. Greg Patterson, 78th Air Base Wing Commander, will host the monthly 78th ABW Enlisted Promotion Ceremony Oct. 31, 3:30 p.m., at the Base Theater.

Those being recognized will be notified by their respective first sergeants.

Commanders, supervisors, family members and friends are encouraged to attend.

For more information, please contact Master Sgt. Sharon Ward at 926-0792.

#### Estate planning briefing to be held

The Base Legal office is offering an estate planning briefing on Nov. 3 at 9 a.m. in the Robins Conference Center.

Anyone interested in learning more about estate planning is encouraged to attend.

For more information, contact Tech Sgt. Tamartha Ogle at 222-0547.



U.S. Air Force photos by SUE SAPP

Tallie Daniel, field technician, tests the operation of an isolation force main valve.

## 78th Civil Engineer Group's Environmental Division earns two AFMC awards

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Robins has made taking care of the environment a priority – and it has paid off.

The 78th Civil Engineer Group's Environmental Management Division recently earned two Air Force Materiel Command General Thomas D. White Environmental Awards for their efforts in naturalization restoration and natural resources conservation.

Fred Hursey, 78th CEG's Environmental Management Division's Environmental Programming Branch chief, said

the awards reflect Robins' hard work to keep the base environmentally sound.

"It shows for the last two years what accomplishments we've done in these particular areas in environmental management," he said. "We're very excited, especially in restoration."

Mr. Hursey said earning the award was a team effort.

"We recognize we have one of the best environmental programs in AFMC, and we finally got some recognition for it," he said.

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Environmental workers rake dirt over fire embers to contain a controlled burn at the longleaf pine reforestation site April 1, 2004.

## Gate 14 closure set for Nov. 5, 6

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The Museum of Aviation is expecting two new bundles of joy, but for them to be delivered, a little construction must first take place.

The Russell Parkway Gate, or Gate 14, will be closed Nov. 5 and 6 to all incoming and outgoing traffic. The closure will allow a team from the museum restoration staff to remove about 100 feet of the concrete median to ease movement of a B-1 Bomber and EC-135 from the flight line to the museum next month.

The gate will close at 1 a.m. Saturday and reopen for regular traffic Monday at 5 a.m. All traffic will use the base's new main gate for entry to the base. Signs directing traffic will be posted Saturday morning on both Russell Parkway and Ga. Highway 247. Traffic will not be impeded on Highway 247.

Ted McGrath of the Museum staff said the two aircraft will be towed down Highway 247, but they are too large to be towed under the Russell Parkway overpass and too heavy to be towed over the overpass.

► see CLOSURE, 2A

## Two students from Robins win Air Force Club Member scholarships

BY HOLLY L. BIRCHFIELD  
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Rachel Jarrett and Jacklyn Braschler know their heroes personally.

And, it was their personal relationships with those people that allowed Ms. Jarrett and Ms. Braschler to place first and fourth respectively in the 2005 Air Force Club Membership Scholarship Program.

To win, the women had to write essays about their heroes. Their entries were chosen from a field of 195. The two were presented their scholarships

Wednesday. Ms. Jarrett's win yielded \$6,000, Ms. Braschler received \$3,500.

Ms. Jarrett wrote her essay about her great uncle, W.G. Atwell, a retired Navy chief petty officer. Ms. Braschler chose to write about her mother, Connie Braschler.

Ms. Jarrett, a 19-year-old Warner Robins native, said when she came across the program, which called for military family members to write essays about their heroes, she knew exactly who she would write about.

► see SCHOLARSHIP, 2A

## Climate Survey provides chance to be heard

By HOLLY L. BIRCHFIELD  
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The Air Force Climate Survey is giving military and civilians a chance to be heard.

The survey, which takes about 30 minutes to complete, gives employees a chance to speak out directly and anonymously to Air Force leaders from their immediate supervisors up to the chief of staff about issues concerning supervision, the workplace and overall job satisfaction.

Jay Gettmann, a 78th Mission Support Squadron manpower analyst, is overseeing Robins' survey participation this year, and said military and civilians may take the survey until Nov. 23.

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## Organizations meet CFC goals early

By HOLLY L. BIRCHFIELD  
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Twenty-three Robins organizations met their Combined Federal Campaign goal early.

Robins' 2005-2006 campaign, "Where the Heart is...in Every One of Us", kicked off Sept. 29 with the base striving to meet its \$1.3 million goal in the six-week campaign.

Kevin Bowen, CFC Local Federal Coordinating Committee chairman, said organizations which met their goal early will receive a special plaque.

"The Early Bird Award is given to those organizations that make 100 percent of their goal in the first two weeks of the campaign," he said. "Organizational goals are based on the number and rank of people in organizations, as well as their earning power in the organization."

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### THINK SAFETY

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To request a ride, call  
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**SLOW DOWN** ► 727 speeding tickets have been issued to date. Accumulating 12 traffic violation points within a year may cause drivers to lose base driving privileges for up to 6 months. Speeding violation points are based on the number of miles over the posted speed limit.

### WEATHER FORECAST

Courtesy of 78th OSS/OSW

TODAY  
67/40



SATURDAY  
67/38



SUNDAY  
69/38





## SCHOLARSHIP

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“I grew up hearing the stories he has told about his service in the wars, and I’ve always really respected him,” she said. “He doesn’t talk about everything he has done. He talks about his buddies and everything they have done.”

The aspiring teacher wrote, “Uncle Dub isn’t one to brag, yet his life brags for him. You would never guess he had a carrier sunk out from under him, or that he survived and served his country willingly for 29 years because of an intense sense of duty and passionate patriotism. He served in major battles of the Pacific, including Midway, Santa Cruz, and was near the fighting in Guadalcanal. He remembers Midway like this, ‘It was like visiting a morgue...Everything was crushed.’”

Stories like that, combined with her need to fund a college education, led the Macon State College freshman to write about her hero.

Similarly, Ms. Jarrett is modest about her accomplishment.

“I’m really grateful that God blessed me to be able to write this paper and gave me the money so I can go to school and not have to worry about financial things.”

Ms. Braschler, a 19-year-old sophomore at Florida State University, found inspiration in her mother’s life.

“My hero is the wisest person I know,” she wrote. “Time and time again, she has steered me away from wrong and has offered sensible instructions to all my dilemmas. She taught me the value of a dollar, and to appreciate the opportunities I have been given because some people aren’t so lucky. I didn’t realize until I was older how much she sacrificed on a daily basis in order to give me the best opportunities.”

News of the fourth place honor took the Florida native by surprise.

“I was completely speechless when my mom told me,” she



Rachel Jarrett



Jacklyn Braschler

said. “I thought she was kidding. There are so many good students out there who were involved with this program.”

While the students were surprised by their success, their parents were proud their children’s talents were recognized.

“As her dad, I’m just proud as a peacock for what she has done,” said Robert Jarrett, a retired individual mobilization augmentee to the Air Force Reserve Command chaplain. “We knew that God had given her a lot of ability and she really applied herself to this paper she wrote for this scholarship.”

Beverly Jarrett, a former teacher in the Houston County area, echoed her husband’s thoughts.

“Like her daddy, I’m just really proud of her,” she said. “I’ve known for a long time that God has gifted her in this way. I was also thrilled about her subject, that she thought that much of her uncle.”

Ms. Braschler’s parents were equally proud of their daughter’s honor.

“We were pretty surprised,” said Chief Master Sgt. Thomas Braschler, 19th Maintenance Squadron maintenance superintendent. “Kids enter a lot of scholarship competitions, and for her entry to be in the top four Air Force-wide is a pretty big deal to us.”

Ms. Braschler’s mother said she was honored to be seen as a heroine in her daughter’s eyes.

“I’m so proud of her,” she said. “She’s a really good girl. She’s the one who gives me all of my strength. Both she and my other daughter are wonderful children.”

## Military Ball



U.S. Air Force photo by CLAUDE LAZZARA

Col. Greg Patterson, 78th Air Base Wing Commander, and his wife Debbie enter the 21st Military Ball Oct. 22. The theme for this year’s ball was the 50th Anniversary of the U.S. Air Force’s First Flight of the C-130.

## CLOSURE

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“Therefore the aircraft will go up the northbound off ramp and into the museum,” he said. “The Department of Transportation has approved the removal of the concrete median and the museum, DOT and Houston County are working together to provide necessary signs for traffic.”

According to Mr. McGrath, for the past year the aircraft have sat on the flight line at the north end of the base being prepped for the move. The museum’s restoration staff, along with members of the

653rd Combat Logistics Support Squadron, the 116th Air Control Wing and the 654th Combat Logistics Support Squadron from Dyess Air Force Base, Texas, has spent that time disassembling the aircraft which will soon tell their stories as static displays at the Museum.

“You got to love it to do it,” said Mr. McGrath of the restoration process. “It’s a lot of work, but it’s a labor of love.

Tech. Sgt. Aaron Robinson, of the 653rd CLSS agreed.

“I have enjoyed working on these aircraft,” he said. “It has given me a chance to work on aircraft that I don’t normally work, which is interesting to

me.”

He also said the looks on the faces of the kids when they see the aircraft is very gratifying.

“I usually take a group of children from church to the museum at least once a year, and they have told me how much they enjoy the airplanes,” he said. “This makes all the work worthwhile.”

The EC-135 was once the command aircraft for U.S. Army Central Command and Gen. Norman Schwarzkopf and Gen. Tommy Franks. The B-1 hails from the 7th Bomb Wing at Dyess Air Force Base. Both aircraft are expected to be moved by the end of November.

## AWARD

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Steve Coyle, 78th CEG’s Environmental Management Division chief, is equally proud of Robins’ achievement.

“It is great news that Robins won these awards,” he said. “I’m extremely proud of our cleanup program and the national acclaim it has achieved. I’m especially

pleased we are an Air Force leader in achieving regulatory milestones and Defense Department metrics.”

Mr. Coyle said the awards are a testament of his team’s dedication.

“It is the culmination of many years of outstanding work by our environmental personnel,” he said. “The conservation award shows what a diverse environmental program we have. These success-

es wouldn’t have been possible without support from AFMC, base senior leadership, our regulatory agency partners and the Community Restoration Advisory Board. Robins Air Force Base continues to be a good neighbor by protecting employees’ health and community resources through environmental excellence in all we do.”

Robins will compete at Air Force level in the near future.

## CFC

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The deadline for earning the Early Bird Award was Oct. 21.

First Lt. Luke Prisk, executive officer to the 78th Air Base Wing commander and CFC monitor for the Command Section, said his organization worked hard to meet its \$1,207 goal.

“I attribute this success to the willingness of our people to participate in CFC,” he said. “People know what it’s about, and they know it’s a great way to contribute and give back to the community.”

First Lt. Stephanie Clayton, executive officer to the 78th ABW vice commander, said with background information about charitable organizations provided in the CFC booklet, making the right decision about whom to support is easy.

“People are always talking about wanting to help,” she said. “They want to see their money put toward something good. This is one of the best opportunities to know where your money is going, and that it’s going to help somebody.”

Lieutenant Clayton said she is proud of her organization’s efforts.

“I think it’s wonderful,” she said. “It shows how much people care about others.”

Tom Robertson, a procurement analyst for the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center’s Small Business Office, said the five employees who make up his office well exceeded their goal of \$630.

“We raised \$1,044 for the campaign,” he said. “It was our people who accomplished this. With the ability to contribute to the storm damage down in New Orleans, I think it inspired people to dig a little deeper and give a little more than they’re used to giving.”

Mr. Robertson said his co-workers were eager to do their part.

“We had pre-briefed everybody in a staff meeting before the actual campaign began, and everybody was anxiously awaiting the donation card. As soon as they came in, they went right back out.”

Mr. Bowen said the base has contributed more than \$650,000 toward its goal.

Payroll contributions pledged during this year’s campaign will not begin until January.

While the deadline for earning the Early Bird Award has passed, Mr. Bowen said there is still time to make a difference.

“We all know that there are a lot of charities out there that are doing a fantastic job helping with a lot of these relief efforts right now. If everybody gave their fair share, we’d probably have three times what our goal is now.”

### ► CLARIFICATION

*The picture that accompanied the R-11 refueler article in the Oct. 21 issue of The Robins Rev-Up is a photo illustration. The Rev-Up regrets the error.*

## SURVEY

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“(The survey) asks people who work for the Air Force what’s important to them,” he said. “It will cover how they like their jobs, their supervisors and their workplace. It’s a way to check the pulse of what’s going on.”

Mr. Gettmann said people can take the survey from their government or home computers.

“They can hit the Robins’ Web site and there’s a link that will take them to it,” he said. “It will walk you through establishing your identification and password so you can start the survey. If something comes up, you can stop and save at

that point and come back to it later.”

Col. Bradley Heithold, Warner Robins Air Logistics Center vice commander, said he encourages everyone to participate.

“This is a great opportunity for our military and civilian members to raise their voices and be heard,” he said. “‘People First ... Mission Always’ is not just a motto at Robins. It’s what we believe, and I think if everyone participates in the Climate Survey, it will help us do a better job of living up to that standard.

“I’ve seen significant changes in the Air Force during my 24 years,” he added. “Much of that is attributable to people’s comments in Air Force surveys.”

Michael O’Hara, Civilian Personnel director here, said it’s important that everyone does their part.

“It’s our goal that 100 percent of our people take this survey, because it’s not a survey that’s shot out into the atmosphere and goes out of sight and you never hear from it again,” he said. “It’s a survey that’s not just focused on the issues of job satisfaction, and satisfaction with Air Force management practices. It’s a survey that focuses on what is most important to the military and civilian members.”

As in the past, Air Force Climate Survey results impact funding decisions, particularly in regards to quality of life programs, Mr. O’Hara said.

“It’s very important to take this survey,” he said. “If one

were happy with the direction of the organization or thinks some things should be changed, he or she should take the survey. If people don’t vote, they really don’t have a say.”

Mr. O’Hara said the survey is instrumental to the Center’s goal of putting people first.

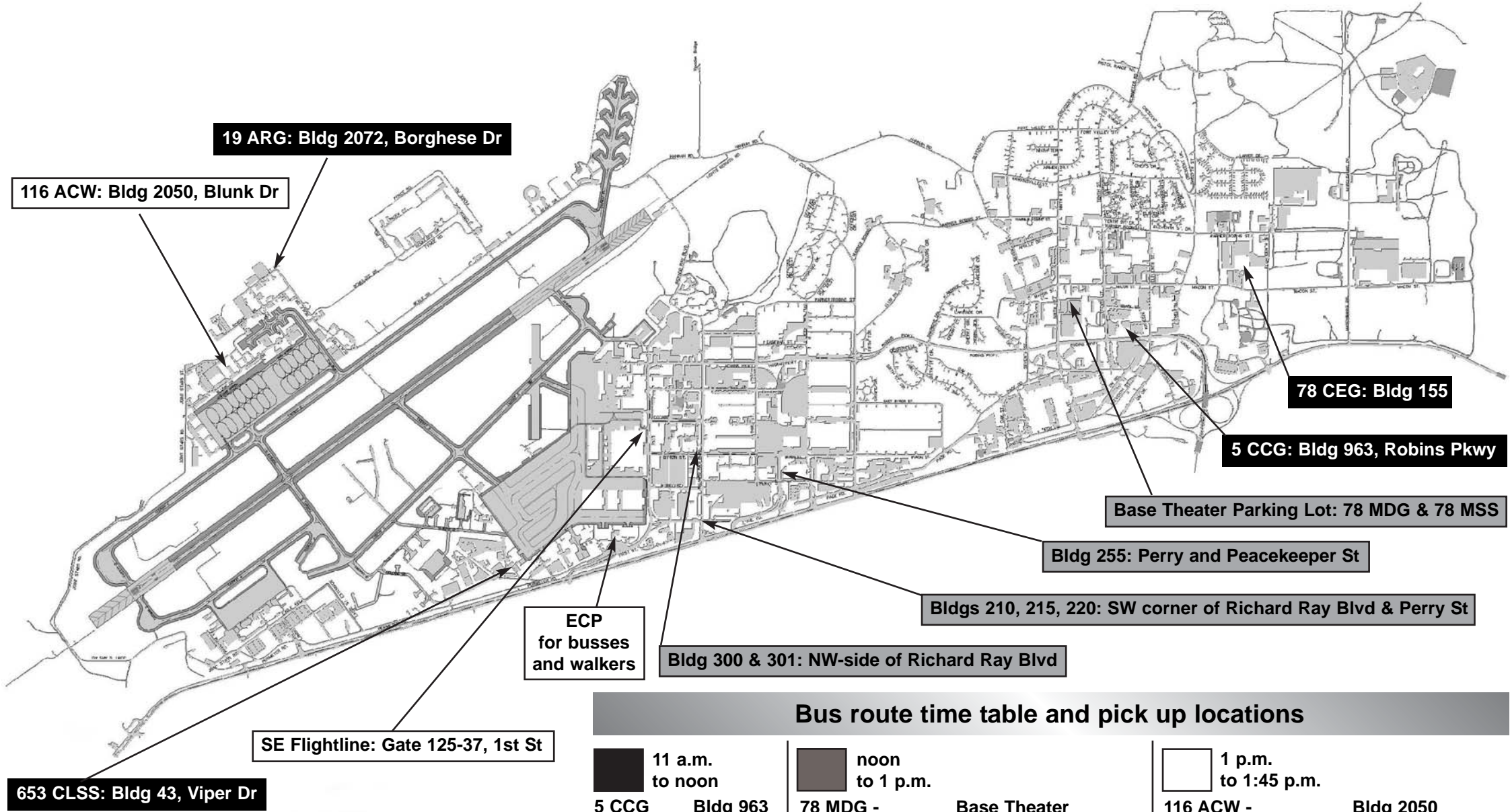
“Maj. Gen. Mike Collings is encouraging a high rate of participation for the Robins work force, military and civilian, because it really coincides with his theme, ‘People First ... Mission Always.’ In order for people to be first, in this case, those people have to vote.”

At the end of the survey period, supervisors will review results within their organizations, Mr. Gettmann said.

### CLIMATE SURVEY

The Air Force Climate Survey is a list of questions that measures employees’ satisfaction in areas of supervision, the workplace, and their overall jobs. Active-duty military, Air Force reservists, Air National Guardsmen and appropriated and non-appropriated civil service employees may take the 30-minute survey from their work or home computers by visiting [www.afclimatesurvey.af.mil](http://www.afclimatesurvey.af.mil) or the Robins’ home page, through Nov. 23. Anyone who encounters an error message that reads “CGI Error,” should hit their refresh button to return to the previous screen. For more information, contact Jay Gettmann, point of contact for the Climate Survey, at 222-0751.





Bus route time table and pick up locations

11 a.m. to noon	noon to 1 p.m.	1 p.m. to 1:45 p.m.
5 CCG Bldg 963	78 MDG - Base Theater	116 ACW - Bldg 2050
78 CEG Bldg 155	78 MSS - Base Theater	SE flightline - 1st St/ Gate 125-37
19 ARG Bldg 2072	402 MXW - Bldgs 300 & 301	
653 CLSS Bldg 43	542 CSW - Bldgs 300 & 301	
	ALC - Bldgs 210, 220 & 215	
	HQ AFRC - Bldgs 210, 220 & 215	
	78 LRS - Bldg 255	
	SE flightline - 1st St/ Gate 125-37	

- Busses will only pick up people at the areas indicated within the designated time.
- Although bus transportation is available, base officials are encouraging those who can walk to the event to do so. Walkers may access the flightline by using the entry control point at Gate 54-26 located near building 54.
- Walkers need to keep the entrance road clear for bus traffic.
- Security screening will occur on the west side of Hangar 82
- Bus drivers will inform passengers of return information.

The rules of engagement

- Everyone with base access is invited to attend
- The bus is the primary means of transportaton
- No bags (except purses)
- No backpacks
- No weapons
- Cameras are authorized
- All items are subject to search

Updates to the bus schedule will be available online at <https://wwwmil.robins.af.mil/dvplan.asp>.

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Command Chief Master Sgt. Billy Doolittle  
78th Air Base Wing command chief

CHENEY

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Security measures will be in place for the event. Secret Service will search everyone before they enter the controlled area around Hangar 82. Once inside, they will not be able to leave without going through the screening process again, accord-ing to White House officials.

Although cameras will be allowed, the only other items allowed in the area will be purs-es. All items are subject to search.

“This is normally a once in a lifetime opportunity for our folks to see the vice president of the United States up close and personal,” Command Chief

Master Sgt. Billy Doolittle, 78th Air Base Wing command chief said. “Because of the security measures, there will be some waiting involved. We are doing what we can to make that wait as painless as possible.”

To do that the base is provid-ing, water, bathrooms and a smoking area inside the secure area.

Entertainment will be provid-ed by the Band of the United States Air Force Reserve. Beginning about two hours before the vice president arrives, the band will play a variety of music ranging from traditional ceremonial pieces to jazz and popular contemporary music.

Everyone must be screened and in place by 2:15 p.m.



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The face of relief

MUZAFFARABAD, Pakistan — An injured Pakistani child here waits for transport to a medical center in Islamabad Oct. 20. U.S. servicemembers are participating in a huge multinational humanitarian aid and support in areas of the country devastated by an Oct. 8 earthquake. Pakistani officials announced the quake has killed more than 48,000 and left millions homeless.

U.S. Air Force photo by  
TECH. SGT. JEROMY K. CROSS



The ‘secret’ of success isn’t a secret after all

BAGRAM AIR BASE, Afghanistan (AFPN) -- In talking with groups, virtually any group, one of the most frequently asked questions I hear is “Chief, what’s the secret to making Chief?”

Normally you can hear a pin drop as the audience waits for some juicy insight, some previously unshared nugget of information, something, anything to give them the belief that they too can achieve what so many have already attained.

You can feel the electricity in the air, then hear the audible sigh of frustration when you share the secret with everyone. The secret is, there is no secret!

Most see that as a let down. However, it’s quite the opposite. Those things held secret mean that only the chosen few who “break the code” will ever win the prize. The very fact there is no secret means everyone has an equal opportunity.

But here’s the real kicker. It’s actually the wrong question! The question shouldn’t be, “How do you make Chief?” The question should be, “What do I need to do to be successful.” That’s a much more insightful and much easier question, to answer. And the answer is (are you ready?): discipline; more specifically, self-discipline.

It sounds simple, doesn’t it? Self-discipline -- big deal! How can that be the answer to success?

"Sure I can take charge of myself, but it’s everyone else who prevents me from being successful -- that terrible supervisor, that unfair work schedule, that \_\_\_\_\_" (you fill in the blank because everyone has a different reason).

But peel it back and look at it again. Is it really the supervisor, or the work schedule or whatever your “fill-in-the-blank” answer might have been? Or is it that whatever “it” is hasn’t become important enough to you to find the self-discipline to overcome the obstacle.

Now, before you say “forget this” and stop reading, think about it! Self-discipline goes hand-in-hand with priorities, right? Routinely, if something is important, you find time for it, somehow, someway, even amidst a busy schedule.

So the next tough question is what’s “more” important, cracking those career development courses and learning your skill better than anyone else or tossing it aside and playing in that video game tourney? It’s a matter of self-discipline and choice, isn’t it?

How about physical fitness? Should I hit the gym or catch the latest movie? Hmmm... self-discipline and choice again!

I should really work on finishing my college degree as well, but then again, that would really screw up softball season. Yep, you got it, self-discipline and choice. Do you see a pattern?

So you see, success is simple! It’s up to you -- up to the self-discipline you exhibit once you set your priorities. It may not be the easiest road, or the most fun at the time, but it will pay off.

Here’s the best part, success is addictive. After you feel the satisfaction of success, you want to keep feeling it. Once you complete one goal, you move on to the next, and the next.

Success breeds success. So start the journey; find your inner strength required to apply self-discipline to the priorities that you set. And set your goals high. Now get going and I’ll see you at the top!

*This commentary was written by Chief Master Sgt. James Johnson, 455th Air Expeditionary Wing command chief master sergeant.*

‘Dear Roz’

**Q: In the National Security Personnel System Overview you talk about accountability as an integral part of NSPS - would you further define accountability as it relates to NSPS?**

**A:** Within NSPS, accountability refers to the pyramid of responsibility beginning with the individual and building up to top management within an organization, wing level or higher, and also across organization, wing and/or higher levels. It includes:

1. Setting appropriate and reachable organizational goals and focusing on the work that must be done to reach those goals.
2. Communicating the goals and tasks to others.
3. Clarifying expectations and defining roles and responsibilities.

4. Establishing meaningful measurements of success.

5. Fostering effective feedback loops.

With the implementation of NSPS there will be measurement tools to ensure accountability at all levels. Examples of tools are numerous reports and evaluations required on training initiatives, performance management system, labor, and classification. The results of these measurement tools will be reviewed by higher management officials to determine effectiveness of the new program and also to take action in those areas that are not functioning in accordance with the implementing issuances for NSPS.

Accountability requires individuals to dedicate themselves to work toward the organizations goals and objec-

tives while taking responsibility for their behavior, their conduct, their work, and their success. It is an essential component in a successful career and a necessary element in a productive, effective, and efficient work environment.

Please contact the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center/CCN Office to set up a date and time for the NSPS Overview for your organization. All should frequently check the Robins Homepage and click on the NSPS Logo for the latest up-to-date information.

*Rosalind ‘Roz’ Overton, NSPS transition assistant, will address employees’ NSPS concerns in the Robins Rev-Up each week. For more information, call Ms. Overton at 926-4023 or visit the NSPS link at [www.robins.af.mil](http://www.robins.af.mil).*



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Civilian discipline and adverse actions

The Center’s fiscal 2006 objectives make it clear that establishing a work force which has accountability, responsibility and understands the need for discipline as a way of life is critical to Air Force culture.

Those characteristics apply to both Center employees’ work and their workplace behavior. The Air Force Civilian Discipline and Adverse Actions Program is designed to develop, correct, rehabilitate and encourage employees to accept responsibility.

The circumstances of every disciplinary situation, including an employee’s past disciplinary record, are considered when determining discipline. The following actions, which happened in June, reflect the types of disciplinary actions taken during that month.

- Reprimand for violation of tool control (employee had a prior reprimand).
- Reprimand for misuse of a government computer.

—Reprimand for failure to report for scheduled training and tardiness (employee had a prior oral admonishment).

—Reprimand for unauthorized absence (employee had two prior counselings and one prior oral admonishment).

—Reprimand for failure to properly request leave and unauthorized absence.

—Two-day suspension for failure to properly request leave, unauthorized absence, leaving the work area without permission, loafing on duty, tardiness, failure to follow supervisory instructions, and providing inaccurate information.

—Three-day suspension for inappropriate conduct

—Five-day suspension for falsification of flexitime sign-in/sign-out sheet, careless workmanship (employee had a prior reprimand).

—Removal for failure to properly request leave and unauthorized absence (employee had a prior 14-day suspension).

—Two indefinite suspensions were imposed against employees for which there were a reasonable cause to believe they were guilty of crimes (one case was drug related and the other for time and attendance fraud) for which a sentence of imprisonment may be imposed. Indefinite suspensions end upon resolution of criminal charges but may be followed by a subsequent action such as removal.

The purpose of this article is to ensure employees are more aware of the civilian discipline and adverse action program and the consequences for misconduct. With awareness, incidents which lead to disciplinary actions may be reduced.

*This commentary was written by Sherry G. Josey, Employee Relations and Compensation Management, Work Force Effectiveness Division.*

Military justice

During the period of Oct. 16 through 27, no members of Robins Air Force Base received non-judicial punishment under Article 15 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

There were no administrative discharges under the rapid airman discharge program processed during this time period.

— 78th Air Base Wing Legal Office



**Col. Greg Patterson**  
78th Air Base Wing  
commander

Commander’s  
Action Line

*Action Line is an open door program for Robins Air Force Base personnel to ask questions, make suggestions or give kudos to make Robins a better place to work and live.*

*Remember that the most efficient and effective way to resolve a problem or complaint is to directly contact the organization responsible:*

- Security Forces 327-3445;
- Services Division 926-5491;
- EEO Office 926-2131;
- MEO 926-6608;
- Employee Relations 926-5802;
- Military Pay 926-3777;
- IDEA 926-2536;
- Base hospital 327-7850;
- Civil engineering 926-5657;
- Public Affairs 926-2137;
- Safety Office 926-6271;
- Fraud, Waste and Abuse hotline 926-2393;
- Housing Office 926-3776.

*This gives the organization a chance to help you, as well as a chance to improve their processes.*

*To contact the Action Line, call 926-2886 or for the quickest response, e-mail one of the following addresses: If sending from a military e-mail system select, Robins Commanders Action Line from the Global Address List. If sending from a commercial e-mail account, use [action.line@robins.af.mil](mailto:action.line@robins.af.mil). Readers can also visit <https://www.mil.robins.af.mil/action-line.htm>. Please include your name and a way of reaching you so we can provide a direct response.*

*Action Line items of general interest to the Robins community will be printed in the Robins Rev-Up. Anonymous action lines will not be processed.*

Mileage rates and locality pay increasing?

Sir, with the noted increase in petroleum products, are the mileage rates and locality pay going to increase as well? The \$3-to-\$6 gas prices are really affecting my budget and ability to drive to and from work. By the way, I already carpool but with my spouse so the increases come from our pocket no matter how we look at it. Thank you for your response.

Colonel Patterson's Reply

Thank you for the opportunity to explain how locality pay is figured. It does not increase as a direct result of the recent price increase of petroleum products; it is actually one element of a two-part annual pay adjustment for general schedule workers. Locality pay originated out of the Federal Employees Pay Comparability Act of 1990 which provides guidelines to achieve pay comparability between federal and non-federal jobs as opposed to being based directly on the increased cost of goods and services. Locality pay was one of the most far-reaching provisions of the act with the intent to maintain comparability by locality. The rate is determined by increasing the covered general schedule employee’s basic pay for their grade and step by the locality pay percentage authorized by the president for where the employee’s official worksite is located.

There are no provisions for reimbursement for carpooling, however there is a Mass Transportation Incentive Program that allows for reimbursement of transportation cost (up to \$105 per month), if you participate in an approved mass transportation program, such as trains, buses, or vanpooling. One of the requirements is that the vehicle has to be able to hold six passengers, plus the driver, and must be a part of a registered business that pays taxes and has insurance. This program is up and running at Robins. Individuals who participate as riders in approved vehicles must see their resource advisors to ensure that funds are committed to cover the obligation. Reimbursement is requested via an SF 1164, Claim for Reimbursement for Expenditures on Official Business.



# Warner Robins Air Logistics Center Commander’s Call set for Nov. 1-3, bus and session schedule announced

Center Commander Maj. Gen. Mike Collings’ Commander’s Call will be held at the Warner Robins Civic Center Nov. 1-3. This briefing is mandatory for all Center employees, including the

78th Air Base Wing organizations. The briefing is not mandatory for hosted unit commanders, but they are welcomed to attend. All employees will be required to ride the bus except for handicap

employees; handicap parking is limited and is available in front of the Civic Center. All employees will need to have their base identification cards with them in order to re-enter the base.

An interpreter for the hearing impaired will be present at the Nov 2, 10:30 a.m. session only. Organizations having hearing impaired personnel are asked to schedule those individuals for that

session. Backpacks and bags are not allowed at the Civic Center. All Base personnel are subject to search. For more information, contact 1st Lt. Jeremy Sheppard at 222-1026.



**Session 1**  
**Nov. 1 ■ 7:30 a.m.**

653rd CLSS  
MXW/OM  
AMXG  
CMXG  
CMXG  
CSW  
EMXG  
EMXG  
EMXG  
EMXG

**Session 2**  
**Nov. 1 ■ 10:30 a.m.**

ASW  
CSW  
78 CEG  
78 CEG  
78 CONS  
78 CPTS/FM  
78 DS (Staff)  
78 HC (Staff)  
78 JA (Staff)  
78 MSG/CS  
78 MSG/LRS  
78 MSG/MSS  
78 MSG/SV  
78 OSS  
78 PA (Staff)  
78 XP (Staff)

MXSG  
MXW/EN  
MXW/FM  
MXW/QP  
SMXG

**Session 3**  
**Nov. 1 ■ 2 p.m.**

ASW  
78 CEG  
78 CONS  
78 CPTS/FM  
78 MDG  
78 MSG/CS  
78 MSG/DPC  
78 MSG/LRS  
78 MSG/MSS  
78 MSG/SFS  
78 MSG/SV  
78 OSS  
ALC/BC  
ALC/CCN  
ALC/DP  
ALC/DS  
ALC/EN  
ALC/FM  
ALC/HO  
ALC/IT  
ALC/MU  
ALC/PK  
ALC/SE  
ALC/XP  
ALC/XR  
CSW  
MXW/OB

**Session 4**  
**Nov. 1 ■ 5 p.m.**

AMXG  
CMXG  
EMXG  
MXSG

SMXG  
78 MDG  
78 OSS

**Session 5**  
**Nov. 2 ■ 7:30 a.m.**

AMXG  
EMXG  
MXSG  
MXW/FM  
MXW/QP  
78 MDG  
78 MSG/SFS  
78 CEG  
78 MSG/LRS  
653 CLSS

**Session 6**  
**Nov. 2 ■ 10:30 a.m.**

ASW  
CMXG  
CSW  
MXW/FM  
MXW/QP  
SMXG  
WR-ALC/DP  
WR-ALC/DS  
WR-ALC/EN  
WR-ALC/FM  
WR-ALC/IG  
WR-ALC/IT  
WR-ALC/JA  
WR-ALC/MU  
WR-ALC/PK  
WR-ALC/SE  
WR-ALC/XP  
WR-ALC/XRI  
78 JA (Staff)  
78 MSG/DPC  
78 MSG/LRS  
Community Leaders

Former Commanders  
Hearing Impaired

**Session 7**  
**Nov. 2 ■ 2 p.m.**

78 MSG/CS  
78 MSG/DPC  
78 MSG/LRS  
78 MSG/MSS  
78 MSG/SFS  
78 MSG/SV  
78 MDG  
78 OSS  
ASW  
CSW  
MXW/OB

**Session 8**  
**Nov. 3 ■ 7:30 a.m**

78 CEG  
78 OSS  
78MSG/MSS  
AMXG  
CSW  
EMXG  
MXSG

**Session 9**  
**Nov. 3 ■ 10:30 a.m.**

ASW  
78 MDG  
78 MSG/LRS  
78 MSG/SV  
AMXG  
CMXG  
CSW  
EMXG  
MXSG

**All Sessions are located at the Warner Robins Civic Center**

**BLUE ROUTE**

**PICK-UP LOCATIONS**

PAGE ROAD (EAST SIDE OF BLDG 207-208)  
CORNER OF FIRST AND COCHRAN  
FIRST STREET IN FRONT OF BLDG 140

FIRST STREET AT BLDG 125 GATE

CORNER OF RICHARD RAY AND ROBINS PARKWAY  
CORNER OF THIRD STREET AND ROBINS PARKWAY  
BLDG 91 AT THE WALK-THRU GATE  
BLDG 43 (AS NEEDED)  
44 GREEN ST (AS NEEDED)

**FOR BUILDINGS:**

207- 208  
158- 177  
127- 128- 140- 141- 142- 145-  
148- 149- 150- 163- 169-  
180- 181- 194- 20149- GATE 38  
40- 44- 47- 48- 49- 50- 54- 58-  
81- 82- 83- 84- 86- 103-  
109- 110- 111- 125- 204-GATE 31  
196- 197- 321  
302- 350  
37- 45- 91- 119- 120- 131- 137  
43-  
44 GREEN ST.

**RED ROUTE**

**PICK-UP LOCATIONS**

CORNER OF RICHARD RAY AND PERRY  
CORNER OF RICHARD RAY AND BYRON  
CORNER OF RICHARD RAY AND COCHRAN  
CORNER OF RICHARD RAY AND MILLEDGEVILLE  
CORNER OF THIRD AND MILLEDGEVILLE  
CORNER OF THIRD AND COCHRAN  
CORNER OF THIRD AND BYRON  
CORNER OF THIRD AND PERRY

**FOR BUILDINGS:**

214- 215- 228  
165- 225- 300  
162- 300- 301  
201- 301  
301- 304- 306- 308- 319- 323  
300- 301  
230- 300  
226- 227- 231

**YELLOW ROUTE**

**PICK-UP LOCATIONS**

CORNER OF PEACEKEEPER AND PERRY  
CORNER OF PEACEKEEPER AND BYRON  
CORNER OF PEACEKEEPER AND MILLEDGEVILLE  
CORNER OF PEACEKEEPER AND ROBINS PARKWAY  
CORNER OF PEACEKEEPER AND WARNER ROBINS  
CORNER OF MLK AND PERRY STREET  
BLDG 557- 560- 826- 827 (AS NEEDED)

**FOR BUILDINGS:**

255- 263  
376-  
364-  
359- 377  
351-  
270- 273- 280  
557- 560- 826- 827

**GREEN ROUTE**

**PICK-UP LOCATIONS**

CORNER OF PAGE ROAD AND DANVILLE ST.  
CORNER OF PAGE ROAD AND NINTH  
CORNER OF PAGE ROAD AND TENTH  
CORNER OF TENTH AND MACON ST.  
CORNER OF NINTH AND MACON ST.  
CORNER OF SEVENTH AND MACON ST.  
SEVENTH STREET (IN FRONT OF BLDG 700 AND 700A)  
BLDG 670 (AS NEEDED)  
BLDG 1011 (AS NEEDED)  
BLDG 1021 (AS NEEDED)  
BLDG 1400 (AS NEEDED)  
BLDG 1500 (AS NEEDED)  
BLDG 1524 (AS NEEDED)  
BLDG 1549 (AS NEEDED)  
BLDG 1555 (AS NEEDED)

**FOR BUILDINGS:**

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640- 645- 901  
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660- 941- 943- 944- 945- 946-983  
767- 769- 794- 905- 914- 936  
706- 707- 708- 765- 780  
700- 700A  
670-  
1011-  
1021-  
1400-  
1500-  
1524-  
1549-  
1555-

**WHITE ROUTE**

(AS NEEDED)

**PICK-UP LOCATIONS**

BLDG 8 BEALE DR.  
BLDG 2039 JOINT STARS ST  
BLDG 2079 BORGHESE DR  
BLDG 2080 BORGHESE DR

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(AS NEEDED)

**FOR BUILDINGS:**

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2039-  
2079-  
2090-

■ “As needed” routes will be picked up one hour prior to the session beginning  
Busses will run 90 minutes prior to each session and stop running 30 minutes prior to the session.



# SCIENCE

## made Spooky

By Lanorris Askew  
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Nearly two dozen students in grades kindergarten through second entered the Museum of Aviation's Fabulous Flight Interactive Science Center Tuesday for some tricks, some treats and best of all some Spooky Science.

The workshop, which was hosted by the Museum's Education Department, allowed participants to observe demonstrations showcasing unique chemical reactions, explore slimy concoctions and discover scientific hands-on "spooky" science using their senses and everyday items.

"It's all hands on because I learn with my senses, and that's the way I teach," said Cindy Groves, Aviation Connections Experiment lead instructor. "Not all students like science, but when they come here on field trips and for activities like this we hope it sparks an interest."

Mrs. Groves said the name spooky science is meant to catch the eye and make the students want to come in and see what it's all about. And, with Halloween only days away, it's all the more fitting.

"We wanted to do something that would incorporate science and make it intriguing," she said. "I hope the students leave with a better knowledge and a better love of science. We hope to see that awe factor, I love that."

Before the activities began, repeat scientists Joseph and Adam Sylvester said they were looking forward to another year of spooky science and their friend Ethan agreed.

"The cool thing is that you get to go home and tell your parents all about it," said 6-year-old Ethan Tharpe.

From measuring with teddy grahams and watching an exothermic reaction called a "genie in a bottle," to squishing their hands around in "monkey guts" (the innards of a pumpkin) and turning water into 'blood' the students learned that science is fun.

"It's really fun, and it's really spooky," said 8-year-old Laura Pinckney.

The second grader at Shirley Hills Elementary School said she has attended other activities at the Museum, and she couldn't wait to get home and show her mom everything she learned.

While fun was one of the primary purposes of the workshop, learning and safety were at the forefront.

Melissa Spalding, director of education, encouraged the students to be scientists but to always do so safely.

"Science is fun," she told the class. "But, never play with chemicals at home and always follow directions."

### MORE SCIENCE FUN

The Museum of Aviation Education Department is offering its annual Science with Santa workshop Dec. 20, from 9 a.m. - noon. The event is open to Kindergarteners through fifth-graders. Cost is \$15 per student. Each class is limited to 20 participants. For more information, contact Tamea Matthews at (478) 926-5558 or tmatthews@museumofaviation.org.



Top: Sarah Spalding, 5, gets to experience how a pumpkin feels inside.



Left: Cassy Chaney, 7, balances a scary witch on her finger by finding the line of symmetry at the Spooky Science workshop Tuesday at the Museum of Aviation.

Bottom: Jared Watson, 7, gets a close look at his pumpkin with a magnifying glass.

U.S. Air Force photos by SUE SAPP



## Halloween events at Robins

### HAUNTED HOUSE

The 19th Air Refueling Group Haunted House will be open through Monday. The hours will be Sunday from 6 - to - 10 p.m. and Friday, Saturday and Monday from 6 p.m. - midnight at the American Legion on Watson Boulevard.

Cost will be \$4 for children 12 and under, \$5 for students with school ID, \$6 for adults and free to all teachers and faculty with school ID. Proceeds will benefit the Hospice of Houston County. For more information call Master Sgt. Abramovitz at 335-2017 or Tech. Sgt. Gary Rose at 397-1641.

### HALLELUJAH NIGHT

Hallelujah Night will be held Monday from 5:30 - 8:30 p.m. on the Base Chapel grounds. All activities are free of charge and will include a mechanical bull, moon walk, sumo wrestling, giant slide, rock wall, face painting, various carnival games and free food and drinks. For more information call Ms. Romo at 926-2821.

## Trick-or-treat safety tips

Robins will observe trick or treat Oct. 31 from 6 to 8 p.m.

- ▶ Take a flashlight that works.
- ▶ Don't run. It is too awkward to run while wearing a costume, trying to avoid other people, and carrying a bag of loot.
- ▶ Use sidewalks; don't cut through yards or alleys. If there is no sidewalk, walk facing traffic and stay with a group.
- ▶ Obey signals when crossing streets.
- ▶ Stay near their home turf.
- ▶ Make sure they can walk easily in their costume. Watch for parts of the costume or clothing that drag on the ground.
- ▶ Wear regular shoes.
- ▶ If wearing a mask, make sure it can be seen out of clearly and easily.
- ▶ If trick-or-treating in dark areas, costumes should be marked with pieces of reflective tape, or trick-or-treaters should carry a small, battery-operated light.
- ▶ Knock on doors of houses that are lit. Avoid darkened houses.

Safety tips are provided by Air Force Material Command's Safety Office



TODAY

A gourmet dinner with Executive Chef Calvin Clark will be held at the Robins Officers' Club. This five-course dinner includes wine and dinner music by pianist Bob Cummings; \$60 for members, \$70 for nonmembers. Cocktails will be served at 6:30 p.m. with dinner at 7 p.m. Reservations are limited to the first 60 guests. To make reservations, call 926-2670.

A fall festival will be held from 3 – 4 p.m. for children and parents from Child Development Center East and West and Family Child Care. For information call CDC East or West at 926-5805 or 926-3080.

Enjoy Thunder Alley glow-in-the-dark bowling every Friday and Saturday, 9 - 11 p.m. at Robins Lanes Bowling Center. Friday is family night, 12 years and younger bowl for \$5, 13 and older bowl for \$10. On Saturday everyone bowls for \$10 per person. Cost includes all the games participants can bowl in two hours and shoes. For more information call the bowling center at 926-2112.

The Joint Forces Bingo, located in the east wing of the Enlisted Club, has new surprises and door prizes. The hours are Tuesday through Friday at 7:15 p.m. Games begin at 2:45 p.m. on Sundays. Enjoy bar bingo five nights a week at 6 p.m. Anyone with an active duty, Reserve, Guard, retired, Department of Defense or family member identification card is eligible to play. The entry fee is free to all Robins' club members, bona fide guests and active duty or retired widow club members, and \$5 for eligible non-club members. For more information call 926-4515 or Teresa Resta at 926-1303.

SATURDAY

A Halloween 5K fun run is slated for 10 a.m. with prizes for best costume and top finishers. For more information call the fitness center at 926-2128.

A family golf special is held on Saturdays after 3:30 p.m. Play nine-holes and pay only \$20 and includes cart and green fee for one adult and junior. Pay an additional \$6 for adults or \$5 for juniors. For more information call Pine Oaks Golf Course at 926-4103.

SUNDAY

The Officers' Club brunch is from 10 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. with all-you-care-to-enjoy breakfast and dinner entrees. Cost is \$9.95 for members and \$11.95 for nonmembers. For more information, call 926-2670.

Football Frenzy 2005 makes a touchdown at the Robins Enlisted Club at noon on Sundays. By participating in Football Frenzy, club members have an opportunity to win a trip to a Pro or Super Bowl game. Call the Enlisted Club at 925-4515 for complete details and contest rules.

MONDAY

A Halloween party will be held at 5 p.m. in the Enlisted Club for club members' children ages 3 to 10. Prizes will be given for scariest, funniest, prettiest and most original costumes. For more information call the Enlisted Club at 926-4515.

Golf on Mondays and Tuesdays for only \$25. Includes green fee, cart fee and lunch. For more information call Pine Oaks Golf Course at 926-4103.

Twilight special is available Monday – Friday after 3:30 p.m. for \$14, or a weekend and holiday special after 3:30 p.m. for \$15. The special includes green fee and golf car. Play as much as you can. For more information call the golf course at 926-4103.

TUESDAY

The Youth Center Jr. NBA and Jr. WNBA basketball registrations will be held from 9 a.m. – 6 p.m. Cost is \$55. A copy of birth certificate and current physical examination will be required. Dedicated basketball coaches are also needed. Apply in person at the center or call 926-2110 for more information.

Enter the turkey shoot during open bowling Tuesday through Nov. 19. Bowlers pay \$7 to bowl three games of 8-pin no-top. League bowler pay only \$2 and use their league series with handicap. For more information, call the Bowling Center at 926-2112.

Tickets go on sale Tuesday for the Thanksgiving buffet at the officers' club to be held Nov. 24 from 11 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. Cost is \$14.95 for adults and \$16.95 for nonmembers. The traditional turkey dinner with all the trimmings, including salad and dessert bar, will be served. Reservations are requested. For more information call the officers' club at 926-2670.

Morning Out, a new program, is available to provide quality care for children ages 19 months – four years old. Cost is \$60 per month per child and will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. – noon with a discount during the holiday months of November, December and March. For more information please call the child development center at 926-5805.

Ultimate Frisbee pick-up games will be held each Tuesday beginning at 5 p.m. on the parade grounds. Games are open to men and women of all skill levels. Bring cleats and a white and dark colored shirt. For more information call Ryan Stich at 222-4346.

Join the Enlisted Club on a trip to an NFL game. Tickets go on sale Tuesday at 10 a.m.

Shotgun Shootout



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP  
Second Lt. Steve Toebben fires at a clay target at the Shotgun Shootout Oct. 20. About 30 people participated in the event, according to 2nd Lt. Jacob Delapasse, who won both the skeet and trap competitions. Lieutenant Delapasse says another shootout is planned.

at the cashier's office for the Atlanta Falcons versus Green Bay Packers on Nov. 13. Cost is \$40 per person and includes ticket, transportation, food and beverages. For more information call the enlisted club at 926-4515.

A lunch time special on the range is held Tuesdays and Thursday from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. Cost is \$6 for all the range balls you can hit. For more information call the golf course at 926-4103.

WEDNESDAY

Wednesday is Ladies Day at Pine Oaks Golf Course. Cost is \$15 for golf car and green fee. For more information call the golf course at 926-4103.

UPCOMING

A Give Parents a Break and Hourly Care will be held Nov. 4 from 6:30 – 10 p.m. at the Child Development Center East and School Age Program (unless otherwise posted). An advance \$6 nonrefundable deposit is required by Oct. 31 for hourly care. Cost is \$3 per child per hour for children six weeks to 12 years old. New enrollees must have up-to-date shot records for their children and complete required forms prior to making reservations. For more information call the child development center at 926-5805.

A Pumpkin Launch is scheduled for Nov. 4 at the skeet range starting at 4 p.m. There will be a 100-foot sling shot and prizes for the person slinging their pumpkin the farthest. Additional pumpkins will be available to have fun with for only \$1. This is a 3C event. For more information call the Smith Community Center at 926-2105.

A craft bazaar will be held Nov. 4 from 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. and Nov. 5 from 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. in the Smith Community Center ballroom. Vendor space fee is \$10. For reservations and details call the Smith Community Center at 926-2105.

During election day, Nov. 8, bring in your "I Voted" sticker to bowl three games for the price of two during open bowling. For more information, call the Bowling Center at 926-2112.

Base Restaurant will offer a customer appreciation Thanksgiving meal Nov. 9 from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. Dine at the main restaurant or purchase a meal at one of the snack bars or mobile trucks. Meal includes turkey, cornbread dressing, mashed potatoes, green beans, giblet gravy, roll and cranberry sauce for \$2.75. A carry-out special is available to include a 15-pound whole turkey, 8 pounds of cornbread dressing, half-pan of mashed potatoes, half-pan of green beans, one quart of giblet gravy and one quart of cranberry sauce for \$45.95. Orders will be taken Nov. 1 - 18. Final day for pick-up is Nov. 23 by 3 p.m. To place an order or for more information, call Base Restaurant at 926-3031 or 926-6972.

Veterans bowl for \$1 per game on Nov. 11 from 1 – 5 p.m. For more information, call the Bowling Center at 926-2112.

A Thanksgiving two-person turkey scramble will be held Nov. 12 with a shotgun start at 9 a.m. Cost is \$25 for annual green fee members and \$30 for guests and includes green fee, golf car, range balls and prizes. For more information call the golf course at 926-4103.

A Pine Oaks Golf Course Pro Shop sale is scheduled for Nov. 12 from 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. All in stock clubs and golf bags reduced. Reduce an additional 15 percent on all clearance priced stock. For more information call the golf course at 926-4103.

A Veteran's Day Celebration will be held Nov. 12 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Georgia Veterans Memorial State Park in Cordele, with a ceremony at 3 p.m. In attendance will be the Heart of Georgia Pipes and Drums, Crisp County High School JROTC Color Guard, and guest speaker Tommy Clack,

Vietnam veteran. A car and truck show will be held Nov. 12, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. A radio-controlled model airplane fly-in will be held Nov. 12 and 13. For more information, call 229-276-2371.

Join the fun at Boss N' Buddy night Nov. 16. Doors will open at 4 p.m. and trivia games will begin at 5 p.m. at the Wellston. This event includes prizes and appetizers. For more information call the Officers' Club at 926-2670.

A table tennis tournament is slated for Nov. 17 at 5 p.m. in the Smith Community Center ballroom. This free event is open to all base employees, retirees, reservists and family members 16 years and older. The field is limited to the first 16 players to register. This is a 3C event. For more information call the community center at 926-2105.

The annual holiday canned food drive will be held Nov. 21 – Dec. 13. Baskets will be made and delivered Dec. 15 and 16. To learn how you can help please call the Smith Community Center at 926-2105.

Tickets for Atlanta Hawks versus San Antonio Spurs will be on sale now through Nov. 21. Game is scheduled for Dec. 10 at 7 p.m.; Hawks versus Philadelphia 76ers Dec. 23 at 7 p.m., tickets on sale through Dec. 6 in the Philips Arena in Atlanta. Cost is \$35 per person. For more information call ITT at 926-2945.

Everyone is invited to bring their friends plus make new ones at the fast-paced, exciting, easy game of Bunco at the community center Nov. 21 at 6 p.m. Come on out and roll the dice for great fun and prizes. This event is open to the entire Robins AFB community. For more information call civilian recreation at 926-1303.

Family night bingo will be played Nov. 28 at 6 p.m. in the Smith Community Center. Prizes will include motor cars, sport equipment, outdoor games, electronic games and family games. Cost is \$3 for 10 games. All children purchasing a package will receive a small gift. No one will go home empty-handed. For more information call civilian recreation at 926-1303.

The U.S. Air Force's Tops In Blue is offering a free night of family entertainment at the Museum of Aviation in the Century of Flight hangar Nov. 29 at 7 p.m. Doors will open for the general public on a first-come-first-serve basis starting at 6:30 p.m. In this year's show, Tops In Blue 2005 drums up their own rhythm in their swinging nightclub, Club Bleu. Audiences will be tapping their feet to pulsating music from great performers like the Platters, Gladys Knight and The Pips, Billy Joel, Gloria Estafan, The Weather Girls and many more. No Tops In Blue show would be complete without famous patriotic music, as they pay tribute to all Air Force personnel and their families who serve our nation with pride and dedication. For more information call the Smith Community Center at 926-2105.

Purchase your Wild Adventure annual passes for 2006 on Dec. 5 from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. at the Smith Community Center. Purchase a Wild Adventure Passport for \$58 (gate \$64.95); parking pass for \$21 (gate \$25) or a platinum pass for \$123 (gate \$129.95) includes parking, unlimited go-karts, sky-coaster ride, golf and discount on food. For more information call ITT at 926-2945.

Tickets for the 2006 Daytona 500 will be on sale until Dec. 23. Ticket packages include a Great American Race Weekend (one super stretch seat for Daytona 500 and Hershey's 300) for \$103.28 (regular \$162); All American Offer (one super stretch and one Daytona 500 hat) for \$102.25 (regular \$132) or Nextel Fanzone (pre-race pass) for \$75 (regular \$90). For more information call the ITT office at 926-2945.

Look for GO offers throughout 78th Services Division facilities during Dec. 1 –

Feb. 28. The GO program offers a variety of events, activities and discounts designed specifically for Robins' junior enlisted force. All E -1 through E – 4's and their immediate family members may take advantage of these programs. Your ID card is your entry to all special events and must be shown to receive special discounts. Make sure you carry your ID card! For more information call the Services Marketing Office at 926-5492.

ONGOING

Come out on weekends after 1 p.m. for \$20. Cost includes green and cart fee. For more information call Pine Oaks Golf Course at 926-4103.

Now is the time to book your organizations golf outings and tournaments for 2006. For dates, times and great prices call the Pine Oaks Golf Course at 926-4103.

The Oscar's Amphitheatre is now available for weddings, retirement parties, meetings and classes at the nature center. Cost for rental is \$15 with a \$25 refundable deposit. For reservations and information call 926-4001.

New hunters to the base need to have a Georgia safe hunting license and a base hunting permit. Call 926-4001 to sign-up for the base hunter's safety course.

Private pilot ground school registration will be now through Nov. 4 from 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. School starts Nov. 4 at 5:30 p.m. One hundred percent tuition is available for active duty military. Cost is \$575 and is due at the time of registration. Ground school is a 45 – 50-hour course, lasting approximately 10 weeks and scheduled on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 6 – 8 p.m. Register soon as classroom seating is limited. For more information, call the Aero Club at 926-4867.

Do you have art or craft talent you would like to share? The Arts & Crafts Center needs contract teachers. Please contact Joyce Brannon at 926-5282 for more information.

GO Orlando Cards are available at ITT. This card offers unlimited admission to more than 50 of Florida's top attractions plus savings on shopping and dining. Cost is \$90 adult/\$70 children for two-day pass; \$140 adult/\$115 children for three-day pass; \$195 adult/\$150 for five-day pass or \$250 adult/\$175 children for seven-day pass. For information call 926-2945.

Join the Enlisted or Officers' clubs between now and Nov. 30 and you could win a \$1,000 credit towards your club card account. For more information call the Enlisted Club, 926-4515, or Officers' Club, 926-2670.

Link Up 2 Golf at Pine Oaks Golf Course offers participants more than \$300 in savings for \$99 per person, and includes eight hours of instruction, complimentary club rental, free shirt and ball mark repair tool. Link UP 2 Golf will conclude with a three-hole graduation scramble. For more information, call the golf course at 926-4103.

Save money by making vacation plans with the Armed Forces Vacation Club. A seven-day condominium lease is \$264 per week. Locations are available around the world. For more information call 1-800-724-9988 or go online at www.afvclub.com. Robins AFVC installation number is 79.

A men's overflow locker room is available weekly, 5 a.m. – 7 p.m. Restrooms are available at the HAWC, 7 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. For more information call 926-2128.

To have an item listed, send it to Amanda Smith at amanda.smith@robins.af.mil by 4 p.m. Monday prior to the Friday of intended publication.

NOW PLAYING



Adult tickets are \$3.50; children 11 years old and younger tickets are \$2. Movies start at 7:30 p.m., unless noted. For more information, call the Base Theater at 926-2919.



TODAY

**Just Like Heaven**  
Reese Witherspoon, Mark Ruffalo

A San Franciscan man falls in love with a female spirit he encounters in his home. The dilemma is that the woman whose ghost he's swooning over has been in a coma for months, and, unless he does something, she'll be taken off life support. PG-13 (sexual content) 101 minutes.

SATURDAY

**Roll Bounce**  
Bow Wow, Chi McBride

X and his friends, who rule their local rink, are shocked when their home base goes out of business. Heading over to the Sweetwater Roller Rink, they find their modest talents are, at first, no competition for their trick skaters and pretty girls who follow their every move. PG-13 (language, crude humor) 112 minutes.

UPCOMING

**Tim Burton's Corpse Bride**  
Johnny Depp  
Helena Bonham-Carter

Set in a 19th century European village, this stop-motion, animated feature follows the story of Victor, a young man who is whisked away to the underworld and wed to a mysterious Corpse Bride, while his real bride, Victoria, waits bereft in the land of the living. Although life in the Land of the Dead proves to be a lot more colorful than his strict Victorian upbringing, Victor learns that there is nothing in this world, or the next, that can keep him away from his one true love. PG (scary images and action, mild language) 76 minutes.

CHAPEL SERVICES

Catholic

Catholic masses are held at the chapel each Saturday at 5:30 p.m., Sunday at 9:30 a.m., on Holy Days of Obligation at noon and at a 5 p.m. vigil the day before, and Monday through Friday at noon. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is Saturday from 4:30 to 5:15 p.m.

Islamic

Islamic Friday Prayer (Jumuah) is Fridays at 2 p.m. in the chapel annex rooms 1 and 2.

Jewish

Jewish service is Fridays at 6:15 p.m. at the Macon synagogue.

Orthodox Christian

St. Innocent Orthodox Church service is at the chapel on the second Tuesday of each month at 5 p.m.

Protestant

General services take place Sundays at 11 a.m. The service includes some traditional and contemporary worship styles in music and format. Protestant inspirational services take place Sundays at 8 a.m. Contemporary services take place 11 a.m. Sundays at the Base Theater. This service is informal and includes traditional and contemporary styles of music and worship.

The chapel helps with spiritual needs that arise. For further information, call the chapel at 926-2821.

DONATE YOUR LEAVE

Employee-relations specialists at 926-5307 or 926-5802 have information and instructions concerning requests to receive or donate annual leave. To have an approved leave recipient printed in the Robins Rev-Up, wings should send information to Amanda Smith at: amanda.smith@robins.af.mil. Submissions run for two weeks.



# Goal Day, Veterans Day hours of operation

## 78 AIR BASE WING GOAL DAY (NOV. 10) HOURS

- Mission Support Squadron: Military Personnel Flight closed but on standby; call 960-7460 for emergency support.
- Logistics Readiness Squadron: Closed except for minimum fuels and vehicle operations manning; on call support through command post for MICAP/Readiness
- Security Forces Squadron: Weekend manning - Main Gate open 24 hours; Russell Gate open during the day; CATM, Training/Deployment closed.
- Communications Squadron: Minimum manning with Help Desk (6-HELP) and Telephone Operations (6-1110) working 24 hours/seven days a week.
- Comptroller Squadron: Open, but with minimum manning.
- Contracting Squadron: Closed (Emergency through the command post).
- Medical Group: Closed -- Ambulance/emergency (911) support available and primary physician care on call (327-7850).
- Civil Engineer Group: Minimum manning with CE service call (6-5657), fire department and plant services (water/sanitary waste, boiler/chiller continuing 24 hours/seven days a week).
- Operations Support Squadron: Reduced manning but normal support to associate units.

## SERVICES FACILITIES OPEN GOAL DAY

- Aero Club
- Arts & Crafts Center
- Auto Skills Center
- Base Library
- Base Restaurant food court (limited mobile truck and snack bar operations); cafeteria closed
- Bowling Center
- Child Development Center East and West
- Civilian Recreation Office
- Enlisted Club, open at 4 p.m.
- Family Child Care (office closed)
- Fitness Center, open from 8 a.m. – 6 p.m.
- Flight Line Dining Facility (fast food), Flight Line Kitchen
- Food Service office
- Golf course, call for tee times
- Honor Guard/Mortuary Affairs/Readiness
- Human Resource office
- Indoor pool, open from 8 a.m. – 6 p.m.

- Information, Tickets and Travel
- Lodging, normal hours of operation
- Marketing
- Nature Center
- Officers’ Club, open serving light lunch (soup, salad and sandwich bar), normal hours in the evening
- Rental Center
- Resource Management office/NAF
- Robins Japanese Grill
- Skeet Range
- Smith Community Center, open until 5 p.m.
- Teen Center
- Vet services
- Wood Shop
- Wynn Dining Facility
- Youth Center, open until 5 p.m. (open recreation)

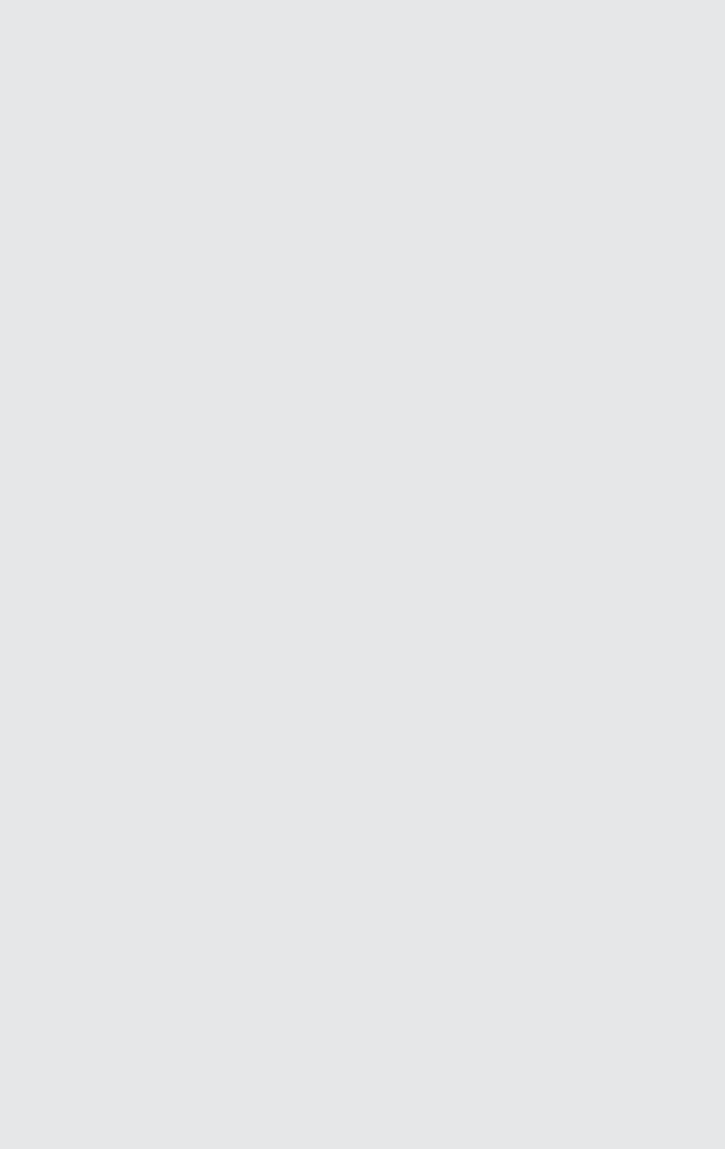
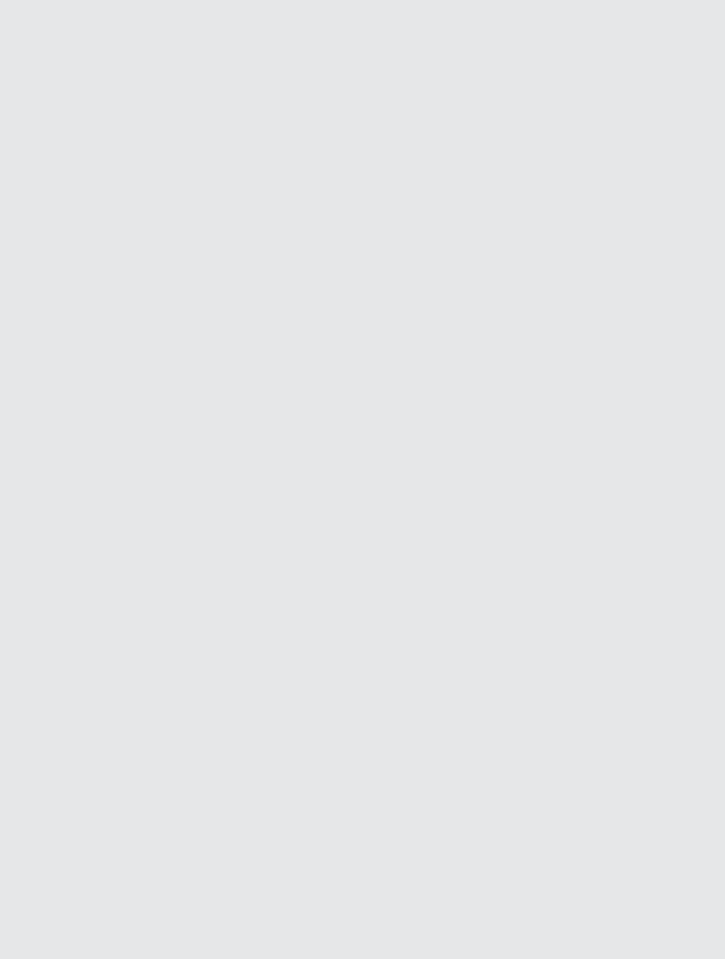
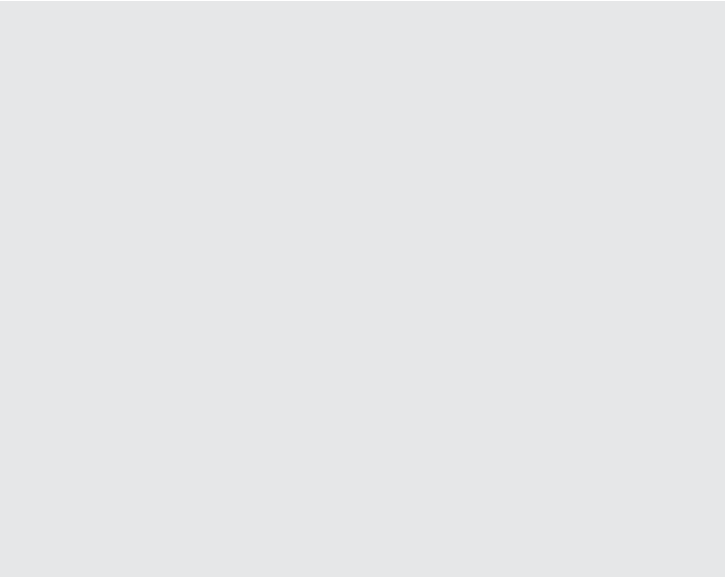
## SERVICES FACILITIES OPEN NOV. 11 (VETERANS DAY)

- Bowling Center
- Enlisted Club, open at 4 p.m.
- Fitness Center, open from 8 a.m. – 2 p.m.
- Golf course, call for tee times
- Indoor pool, open from 8 a.m. – 2 p.m.
- Lodging, normal hours of operation
- Wynn Dining Facility

## SERVICES FACILITIES CLOSED NOV. 11

- Aero Club, administration and sales closed
- Arts & Crafts Center
- Auto Skills Center
- Base Library
- Base Restaurant
- CDC East & West
- Civilian Recreation, office closed
- Family Child Care
- Flight Line Dining Facility (fast food) closed; Flight Line kitchen will remain open
- Food Service office
- Honor Guard/Mortuary Affairs/Readiness, closed (voice mail checked every two hours)
- Human Resource office
- Information, Tickets and Travel
- Marketing
- Nature Center
- Officers’ Club
- Pizza Depot, closed Nov. 10 - 13
- Rental Center
- Resource Management office/NAF

- Robins Japanese Grill
- Skeet Range
- Smith Community Center
- Teen Center, closed Nov. 11 - 12
- Vet services
- Wood Shop
- Youth Center, closed Nov. 11 - 12



# Florida asks Air Force for little hurricane help

By MASTER SGT. ORVILLE F. DESJARLAIS JR.

Air Force Print News

SAN ANTONIO (AFPN) -- Although Hurricane Wilma left a swath of destruction through southern Florida Oct. 24, the state has asked the Air Force for very little assistance.

Florida was so well prepared for Wilma that officials there have – so far – only asked the military to provided communication packages and helicopter airlift support, said Col. Jeff Theulen, a reserve emergency preparedness liaison officer.

“We’ve provided some sup-

port, but it’s been fairly muted as Florida has handled this entire situation,” Colonel Theulen said from his prepositioned location at Tyndall Air Force Base, Fla.

The colonel said the Department of Defense is on standby to “provide any type of assets” the state may require. Later, the colonel expects the military may provide more support in the form of airborne warning and control system aircraft, search and rescue, helicopters and cargo movement.

There are liaison officers stationed in every state and in 10 Federal Emergency Manage-

ment Agency regional offices. They provide the face of the Air Force to FEMA and the state emergency operation centers.

Wilma caused billions of dollars in damage and left millions of homes without power. It swept through the state as a strong Category 3 storm and left as a Category 2. Forecasters say Wilma was the strongest storm to hit the Miami area since Hurricane Andrew in 1992, which caused more than \$25 billion in damage and eventually led to the closure of Homestead Air Force Base.

Homestead Air Reserve Base’s 482nd Fighter Wing is in

the process of assessing damage to the base. Late last week, well before the storm hit, the reservists relocated their F-16C Fighting Falcons and F-15 Strike Eagles.





► IN BRIEF

AFRC SPOUSES HOLD ANNUAL AUCTION

Get a head start on your holiday shopping at the AFRC Spouses’ Annual Auction Nov. 1 at 6:30 p.m. at the Robins Officers Club. The evening will feature traditional and silent auctions of handmade items, crafts, home-baked goodies, and gift baskets. This year’s theme is “Western Roundup,” so dress in your jeans, boots, and bandanas if you like.

The cost of \$5 per person buys an auction paddle, wine, cheese, snacks, coffee and iced tea. Profits will go to Rebuilding Together – Christmas in April (a community project which rebuilds homes for the needy in Warner Robins) and to the AFRC Family Support Fund for the Combat Injured.

This event is sponsored by AFRC Spouses, but it is open to anyone connected with Robins Air Force Base. For more information or to make a reservation contact Lynn Anzjon at Lanzjon@cox.net.

NATIVE AMERICAN/ALASKAN HERITAGE CELEBRATED AT LUNCHEON

A luncheon celebrating Native American/Alaskan Heritage will be held Nov. 4, 11 a.m., at the Enlisted Club ballroom.

The theme is “Honoring Heritage: Strengthening our Nation’s Spirit.” The event is open to all. Dress is uniform of the day or business attire. The guest speaker will be John Oxendine, of Lumbee descent, who is the Georgia Insurance and Fire Safety commissioner.

Artifacts from archeological digs on Robins will be shown. Kau-Tah-Noh Drum Group representing the Lumbee Tribe from southeastern North Carolina will be featured.

The lunch menu will be roast turkey, sweet potatoes, corn, tossed green salad, and

rolls. Cost is \$9 for club members and \$10 for non-members. Those not eating lunch and wishing to attend are welcome.

For more information, call 1st Lt. Matt Fogarty, 926-9421, or email matthew.fogarty@robins.af.mil.

ESPN CLASSIC BROADCASTS GAME

ESPN Classic will broadcast the upcoming United States Air Force Academy Falcons football game against the Army Black Knights, live from Falcon Stadium on Saturday, Nov. 5. Kickoff is slated for 3:30 p.m.

In a rivalry that dates back to 1959, the season series stands at 26-12-1 in favor of Air Force, with the Falcons having won the last eight head-to-head matchups. Army last won at Falcon Stadium in 1977.

In the battle for the 2005 Commander-in-Chief’s Trophy, Air Force earlier lost to Navy, 24-27. Army has yet to play either school.

ROAD CLOSURES SCHEDULED

The access road immediately north of Building 215 from Page Road to the parking lot on the east side of Building 215 will be closed through Nov. 7 barring inclement weather.

A security barrier contractor will renovate the drive and put in approximately 23 parking spaces. Base drivers should avoid this area. Drivers and pedestrians adjacent to this area should watch for construction workers and equipment.

Access to the parking lot located immediately east of Building 215 can be gained by using the entrance on Richard Ray Boulevard between Building 214 and Building 228 or the entrance at the Perry Street and Third Street intersection west of Building 226 and Building 231.

► Also, Richard Ray Boulevard immediately south of the southeast corner of Building 210 will be partially closed beginning Oct. 31 while contractors install a security gate across the boulevard.

The gate is part of the anti-terrorism system around Buildings 214, 215, 210 and 220.

The partial closure is expected to last approximately 37 days. One east and one westbound lane will remain open. Work will be performed in the inner two lanes and on both shoulders of the road.

Base drivers should avoid this area if possible. If they operate a vehicle or walk adjacent to this area they should watch for construction workers and equipment.

Access to the parking lot immediately east of Building 215 and west of Buildings 226, 227 and 228 can be gained by using the entrance on Richard Ray between Buildings 214 and 228 or the entrance at the Perry and Third Street intersection west of Buildings 226 and 231. Parking spaces on the west side of Building 215 also can be accessed using those entrances.

Richard Ray is expected to reopen Dec. 6 barring inclement weather.

EXCUSED ABSENCE VOTING

The city of Warner Robins will hold a general election Nov. 8, and a runoff election, if necessary, Nov. 29. As a reminder, the voting leave policy for employees who request time off to vote in the Warner Robins city elections or for elections occurring in the surrounding cities/counties is as follows:

Employees can be excused, workload permitting, without charge to leave for the amount of time necessary to permit them to report to work two hours after the polls open or leave work two

hours before the polls close, whichever requires the lesser amount of time off.

Polls are generally open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on election day. Employees who report to work at 9 a.m. or later, or end their tour of duty at 5 p.m. or before will not normally receive voting leave.

Employees voting in Houston, Bibb or Peach counties who are authorized voting leave under these circumstances may use a maximum of 30 minutes voting leave. Employees who work under flexitime will not normally be granted voting leave unless they are required to report to work before 9 a.m. and remain on duty until after 5 p.m. Under special circumstances, if the above will not permit sufficient time to vote, additional voting leave may be granted. Employees who use voting leave will obtain a certificate of voting from the polling place and turn it in to their supervisor.

Questions may be referred to the servicing Employee Relations Specialist at 6-0677 or 6-5802.

ROBINS HEALTH BENEFITS SEMINAR SLATED FOR NOV. 7, 8

In conjunction with the Federal Employee’s Health Benefits Open Season, the Retirement Section of the Civilian Personnel Flight will host a health benefits information seminar in the Base Restaurant Nov. 7 and 8, from 8 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Representatives from various Federal health plans will be available with 2006 updates on coverage and information for their respective plans.

Workload permitting, supervisors may excuse employees without charge to leave for attendance for no more than one hour.

Additional time will be charged to annual leave. Questions regarding leave

usage may be addressed to your servicing Employee Relations Specialist at 926-0677 or 926-5802.

THE II FUNNY COMEDY TOUR COMING TO ROBINS

The II Funny Comedy Tour is scheduled for today at the Museum of Aviation starting at 9 p.m.

This comedy tour will star Mike Bonner, Shaun Jones, Sherman Golden and Ice Cream.

Tickets are on sale at the Information, Tickets and Travel office for \$15 per person.

For more information call 926-2945 or 955-1518.

MUSEUM HOSTS HANGAR TALK

Museum of Aviation will present its monthly Hangar Talk with the film Apollo 13 today at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. in the VistaScope Theater, correlating with Space Aviation

Month. The VistaScope Theater is located on the first floor of the Eagle Building. The movie stars Tom Hanks, Kevin Bacon and Bill Paxton as they portray the 1970 moon mission crew that aborted their mission due to severe mechanical trouble and the NASA employees who returned them home safely.

Hangar Talks are always free and open to the public. Seating is based on a first-come, first-serve basis. This movie is rated PG. For more information, contact Heather Fasciocco at (478) 926-6870 or visit [www.museumofaviation.org](http://www.museumofaviation.org).

PROMOTION PARTY PLANNED

The promotion party for those selected for promotion to Chief Master Sergeant will be held Nov. 9 from 2 – 5 p.m. at the Robins Enlisted Club.



# AFRC team ‘marches’ for breast cancer research

By PAMELA THOMPSON  
Headquarters Air Force Reserve Command  
Public Affairs

A 10-woman team from Air Force Reserve Command is fighting the battle against breast cancer – one step at a time.

Marching like warriors headed into battle, the team raised more than \$27,500 this month by walking 60 miles over a three-day period.

“It was a grueling walk yet a wonderful experience,” said Jane Mann, who walked in memory of her mother-in-law, Christine L. Mann, who lost her battle with breast cancer 12 years ago. “Our team took the challenge to endure the physical hardship of a 60-mile walk to raise funds for a cure, honor those whose lives have been lost to breast cancer and celebrate survivors.”

The team comprised three AFRC spouses: Mrs. Mann, Launie Cunningham, and Margaret Sarrat. Other members were Mrs. Mann’s niece, Emily Garrett, and friends Kim Jarrett and Faye Geary; Mrs. Cunningham’s daughter, Megan, and daughter-in-law, Elizabeth; and Mrs. Sarrat’s daughter, Alison, and sister, Kathryn Loyacono.

To prepare for the 60-mile walk in Atlanta, the team logged hundreds of training miles. Participants camped out two nights in military-style “tent cities.”

Calling themselves “Tears to Cheers,” symbolizing the transition from misery to elation that cancer survivors experience, they were among 2,400 walkers. Combined, the walkers in the Atlanta 3-Day event raised a total \$6.2 million for the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, which funds breast cancer research, education, screening and treatment programs, and the National Philanthropic Breast Cancer Fund.

Breast cancer is the second-leading cause of death among all women and the leading cause of death in women between the ages of 40 and 55. Both its causes and the means for its cure remain undiscovered.

“Everyone knows someone, either a family member, friend, or co-worker, who has been affected by breast cancer,” said Mrs. Mann, whose husband, Steve, is the personnel director at AFRC headquarters. “The loss of Steve’s mother to breast cancer was devastating. I wanted to do my part to raise money for research and honor my mother-in-law.”

A challenging course, on sometimes rough terrain, in 90 degree temperatures did not deter this dedicated, cohesive team.



U.S. Air Force photo

Ten women from Air Force Reserve Command participate in the Atlanta 3-Day walk to raise funds for breast cancer research.

“We were tired and sunburned, our muscles ached, and some of us had blisters on our feet, but our team finished the walk with the satisfaction that we’re making a difference in people’s lives,” said Mrs. Cunningham, who knows firsthand – not once, but twice – the heartbreak and anguish that a life-threatening diagnosis of breast cancer can bring to a family.

“I’m a four-year survivor of breast cancer and two-year survivor of pancreatic cancer,” she said. “It’s a journey that has made me a believer and advocate. I’m living proof that a cancer diagnosis is not a death sentence.”

The vivacious brunette has come a long way in four years. She’s endured eight invasive surgeries, 10 chemotherapy treatments and 48 radiation treatments to destroy cancer cells that invaded her body and threatened her life. She credits her amazing recovery to early detection, aggressive treatment methods by talented medical teams, overwhelming family support, faith, and a positive attitude that “I will survive.”

“I walked in the hope that a cure will be found to eradicate cancer so my children won’t suffer from this often fatal disease,” Mrs. Cunningham said.

She is among the 2 million breast cancer survivors in the United States. The majority of women with breast cancer have no known family history of the disease or other known risk factors, according to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation Web site.

This year alone, about 40,000 women will die from the disease. About every three minutes in America, a woman’s life is changed by a breast cancer diagnosis. About every 15 minutes, a family is changed by a loss to the disease. The disease does not discriminate; men are at risk, too.

It wasn’t just the Cunningham women who supported the cause. Mrs. Cunningham’s husband, A.J., AFRC’s deputy inspector general, and son, A.J. III, along with family friend Pat Flanagan, served as one of the 12 crews supporting the 2,400 walkers.

“They really spoiled us,” Mrs. Cunningham said. “After walking all day, we’d arrive at the campsite, and our tents were set up and luggage delivered. They did their part providing great service for our team and hundreds of others on the walk.”

“Launie is an inspiration to all of us,” said Mrs. Sarrat, whose husband, Al, is the chief of AFRC’s Counterdrug Support Branch. “Her recovery was truly miraculous. She’s so dear to us and very special.”

Five years ago, the Sarrats faced their own crisis when their 29-year-old daughter, Stacy Gibbs, learned she had breast cancer.

“We were terrified,” Mrs. Sarrat said. “Stacy had just celebrated her one-year wedding anniversary to Greg. She quickly underwent a mastectomy and lymphangiectomy (radical excision of lymph nodes), followed by chemotherapy, radiation and many plastic surgeries. She lost her hair, and many tears were shed, but she survived. She’s been cancer-free for five years.”

Her life today is made possible through the many loving donations to the Susan G. Komen Foundation, Mrs. Sarrat said.

“She’s happy, healthy and the loving mother of two beautiful girls, 3-year-old Claire and Anna, who is 1,” she said.

Each walker had to raise a minimum of \$2,100.

“Fund-raising was the easy part,” Mrs. Sarat said. “Everyone contacted by our team was most generous with their donations. It’s just a matter of time before this disease is eradicated. We’re conquering this disease one step at a time.”